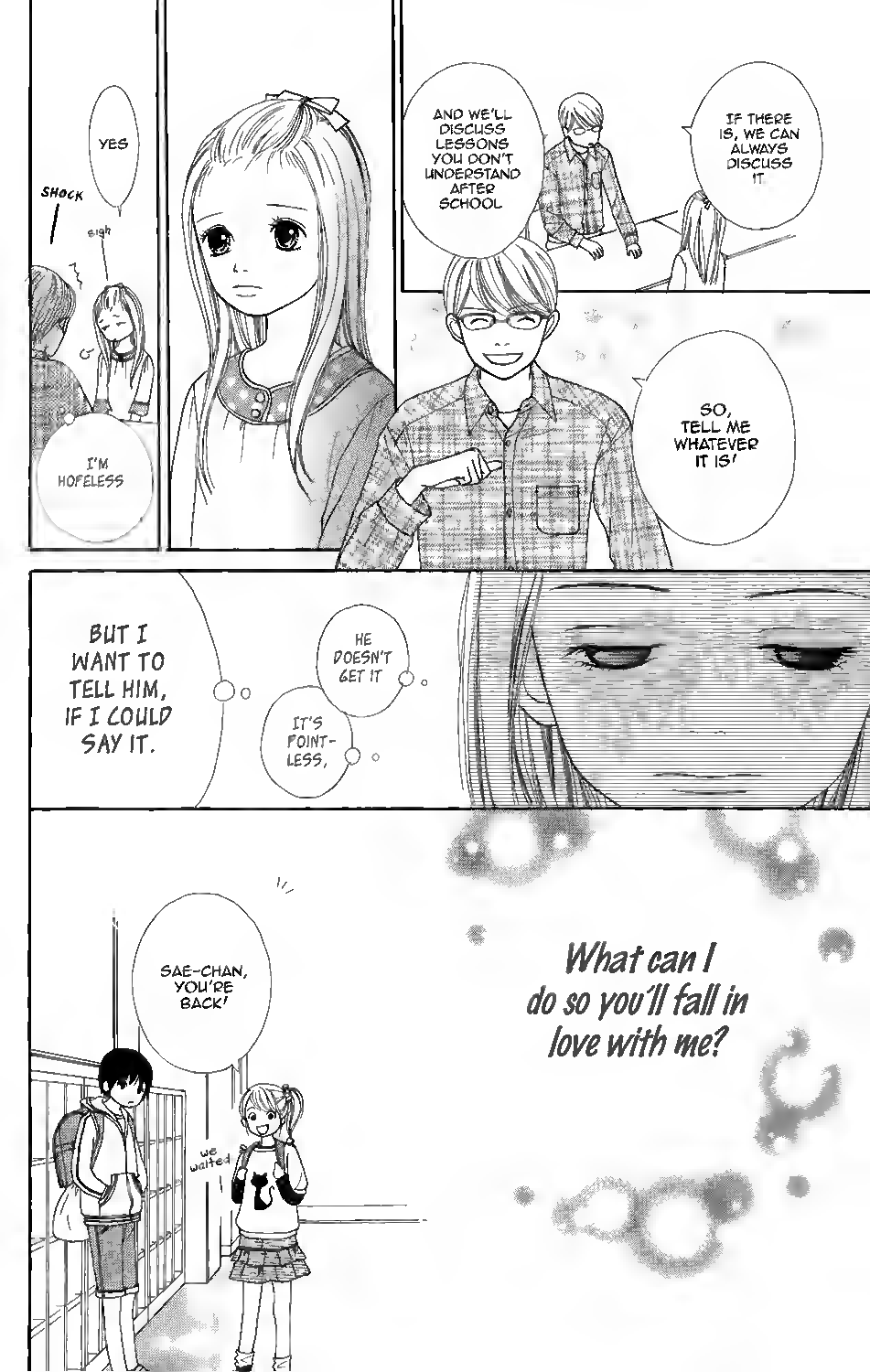
WELL, THIS IS HARUKA NAKATANI-KUN. SHE'S JOINING OUR CLUB STARTING TODAY. EVERYONE, BE NICE TO HER!
SO YOU DO REALLY PLAY BASEBALL
So cute!
I'M KAZUHIRO YAMANO, ICHIOU'S CAPTAIN. NICE TO MEET YOU
AH, THE BOY WHO WAS CATCHER FROM MY CLASS
YOU, TOO!
EH?!
THOUGH I LOOK LIKE THIS, I'M A GIRL
NICE TO MEET YOU!
NICE TO MEET YOU.

YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING ON YOUR OWN EVERY DAY SINCE YOU CAME HERE?
YES.
WELL, THEN. OUR ACE IS VERY DIFFERENT ABOUT PRACTICING ON HIS OWN.
WELL, WELL.
CATCH
Katsu
SHOCK
His eyes opened
HEY! WHAT MADE YOU COME SO LATE?!
THAT "ACE" IS...
THIS KID'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR ACE NUMBER IF YOU'RE SO LAZY!

GAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!
WHAAA?!
Yessir!
Why are YOU here?
Why are you here?
WELL,
WELL,
WELL.
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO ARGUE, LET'S PRACTICE
I'LL WATCH BOTH OF YOU AND CHOOSE THE STARTING PITCHER FOR THE NEXT GAME, SO GIVE IT YOUR BEST.

If there are children who are yet ta see clearly the the entrance af their first lave...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
then, there ore olso those who hove olreody been captured by love.
SAE KODAMA,
Meeting Room
AREN'T YOU GOOD AT MATH?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION IN CLASS LATELY
IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
flap
flap
WHY IS YOUR TEST BLANK?


YES
SHOCK
sigh
I'M HOPELESS
AND WE'LL DISCUSS LESSONS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AFTER SCHOOL
IF THERE IS, WE CAN ALWAYS DISCUSS IT.
SO, TELL ME WHATEVER IT IS!
BUT I WANT TO TELL HIM, IF I COULD SAY IT.
HE DOESN'T GET IT
IT'S POINT-LESS,
SAE-CHAN, YOU'RE BACK!
we waited
What can I do so you'll fall in love with me?

WELL, LET'S GO.
EH?
THE THREE OF US?
YUP!
202 Ikeguchi
IT'S REALLY A HUGE COINCIDENCE!
Sorry for intruding!
NAKATANI-SAN'S BIG SISTER AND MY BIG SISTER ARE IN THE SAME CLASS!
AH, NAKATANI-SAN, YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
ANYTHING'S GOOD
JUST MAKE YOURSELF TOTALLY AT HOME!
MOKA-CHAN REALLY
LIKES NEW THINGS
You can watch TV too!

SHE BOUGHT ANOTHER GAUDY COLOR
IS YOUR MOM SHOPPING?
SHE'S AT WORK! THAT'S WHY SAE-CHAN COMES OVER TO PLAY ON DAYS WITHOUT CRAM SCHOOL!
PULL
Sensei
LOVE Koyoko
CLACK
CLACK
slip

Note: A purikura is basically the Japanese name for a photo sticker booth. The pictures from these booths are also called purikura.

AH, IT'S ESHIMA-SENSEI FROM HOMEROOM.
WHO TOOK IT WITH HIM?
.....
MO...
MOKA-CHAN'S MOTHER
EHHH! WHAT A PRETTY MOTHER!
SHE'S A HAG!
Ah...
THAT PURIKURA
THAT PURIKURA WITH SENSEI
TAKING
squeeze
SHE'S A GROSS OLD HAG!
KO KODAMA-SAN...?
THEY REALLY GET ALONG, DON'T THEY!
Haa Haa
THEY'RE GOING OUT.

I WANT TO GO OUT WITH SENSEI
I WANT TO HURRY UP AND BECOME AN ADULT
?
?
FLUSTERED
FLUSTERED
I WANT TO BE AN ADULT AND BECOME SENSEI'S WIFE
IT'S NOT FAIR
THE ONLY REASON I'M NOT NOTICED IS BECAUSE I'M A CHILD
GOING ?
PIP
PIP
KODAMA-SAN?!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S MY DREAM...
WHAT KIND?
I-
I'VE GOT A DREAM, TOO!

IT'S A DREAM THAT CAN'T COME TRUE, SO...
IT'S...
.....
.....
EH
YOU LIKE... ESHIMA-SENSEI?
UHM,
DEFINITELY DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT I LIKE ESHIMA-SENSEI
HMM
EHHHHHHH?!
Really?!
LIKING A TEACHER,
KODAMA-SAN'S AMAZING
SHE'S LIKE AN ADULT
step
step
THE TYPE WHO'S BAD AT UNDERSTANDING THINGS
F.....

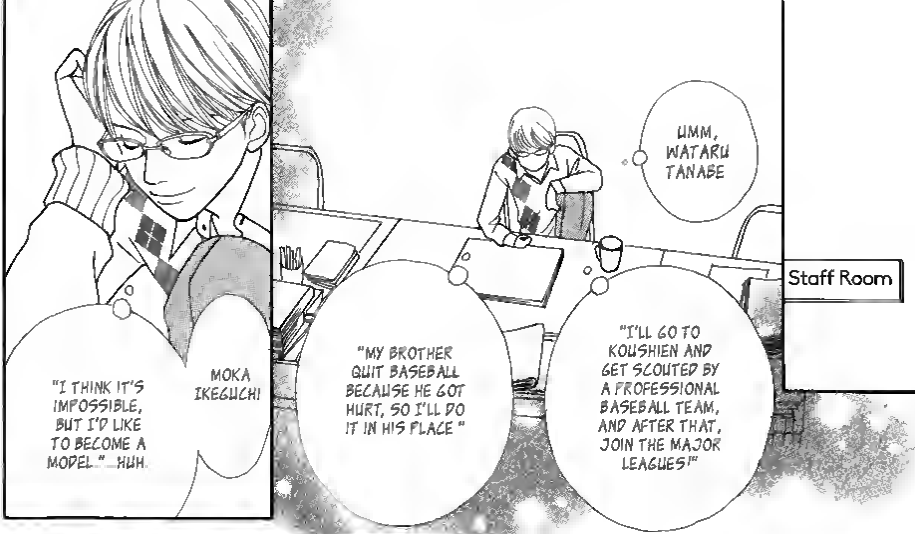
KEN-NII!
AH,
ARE YOU GOING HOME NOW?
YEAH
WELL,
BYE
IS SHE MOVING?
NOOO, NOT THAT
WE WERE GOING OUT BUT WE JUST DECIDED TO STOP
SHE WAS CRYING!
YEAH, A LITTLE, HUH
BECAUSE WE BROKE UP
AH, SPEAKING OF GOING OUT,
THERE'S A GIRL IN MY CLASS WHO WANTS TO GO OUT WITH THE TEACHER!
WOAH, HOW PRECOCIOUS!

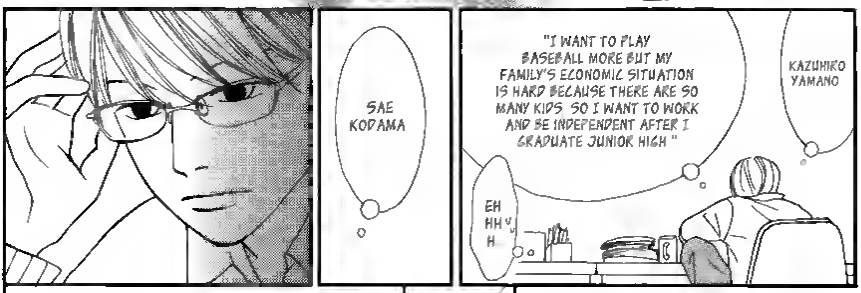
NO.
KEN-NII? DO YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS?
?
HER DREAM IS TO BECOME AN ADULT!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLAY BASEBALL ANYMORE?
THAT'S RIGHT, I WANT TO RAISE WATARU INTO AN HONEST ADULT.
AH, JUST KIDDING

KEN-NII'S A HERO.
SO YOU DEFINITELY SHOULDN'T PRACTICE TOO HARD.
NOT ANY MORE. MY SHOULDER'S NO GOOD.
I'M TOTALLY DEFECTIVE.
YOU'RE MY BASEBALL TEAM'S SENPAI!
EVERYONE SAYS, "KEN-NII WHO WENT TO KOUSHIEN IS AMAZING!"
YOU'RE OUR HERO.
WHAT'S YOUR DREAM, HARUKA?

HARUKA?
KEN-NII IS SO LUCKY
TO BE A BOY.

OKAY THE THEME FOR THE ESSAY IS "FUTURE DREAMS".
ANYTHING'S FINE, EVEN SOMETHING LIKE "I WANT TO BECOME TALLER."
SO PLEASE WRITE WHAT YOU WISH FOR YOUR FUTURE NOW
future dreams
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
OKAY, THEN, START WRITING NOW!
HEY, WATARU, STOP LANDING ON ALL THE CHAIRS!
OOOOH
CLA
TTER
I WANNA BE IN THE MAJORS!
majors.
majors!
Mmm... But, girls can't become pro baseball players.
I wanna go to Koushien and be a pro and join the major leagues!
Um, I, ah, when I grow up,
squeeze

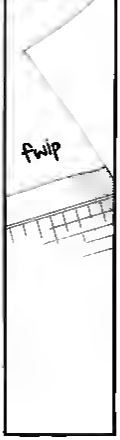

Staff Room
UMM, WATARU TANABE
"I'LL GO TO KOUSHIEN AND GET SCOUTED BY A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM, AND AFTER THAT, JOIN THE MAJOR LEAGUES!"
"MY BROTHER QUIT BASEBALL BECAUSE HE GOT HURT, SO I'LL DO IT IN HIS PLACE."
MOKA IKEGUCHI
"I THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I'D LIKE TO BECOME A MODEL." ...HUH.

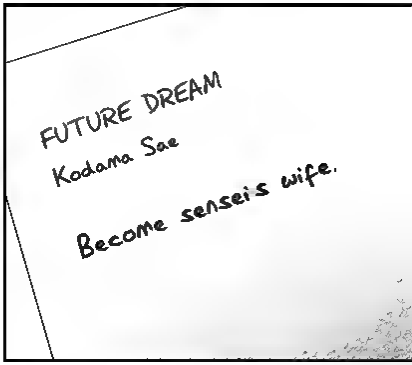

SAE KODAMA
KAZUHIRO YAMANO
"I WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL MORE BUT MY FAMILY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION IS HARD BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY KIDS SO I WANT TO WORK AND BE INDEPENDENT AFTER I GRADUATE JUNIOR HIGH."
EH HH H

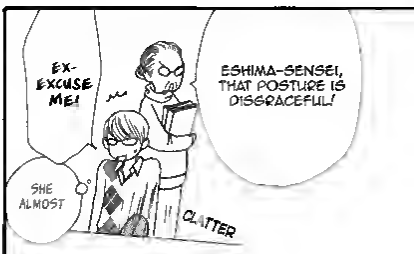
Future Dream

Haruka Nakatani

Become a boy.







THUNK
OKAY, THAT'S GOOD!
GRIN
YOUR CONTROLS REALLY STABLE.
IT'LL BE USEFUL IN THE REAL MATCH

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE GONNA GO, WATARU
EHH
Ah, if it's not as a regular, maybe I have a chance, too!
HEY!
Break time!
YOU WANNA BET ON WHO HERE'S GONNA GO TO KOUSHIEN?
THEN, ME, TOO!
I'LL BET ON ME!
THEN, NEXT, WHO DO YOU THINK IS GONNA GO PRO?
EHH
WHO'S GONNA MAKE IT TO THE MAJOR LEAGUE?
EEEHH!
YOU DUNNO IF YOU DON'T TRY, STUPID!
EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE, WE'VE GOT A BETTER CHANCE THAN NAKATANI!
turn
THE MAJOR LEAGUES ARE IMPOSSIBLE!
squeeze

FLINCH
BA
!!
m
'CAUSE GIRLS CAN'T GO TO KOUSHIEN!
AS IF GUYS THAT I STRIKE OUT
COULD EVER GO TO THE MAJOR LEAGUES!

YOU'RE NOT KEN-NII, SO YOU'RE NEVER GONNA GO TO KOUSHIEN!
THUD
WOAH!
DASH
I'M GONNA GO TO KOUSHIEN!
AND YOU'RE NEVER GONNA BE ABLE TO GO!

Stop it!
Hey, you two!
Girls playing baseball is pointless!

WAAAAAH

OUCH
LIMP
HEY, BOY!
ARE YOU HURT?
RATTLE
LIMP
LIMP
STOP IT!
lemme go!
lemme goooooo!
AH.

ME A BOY!
THEN, MAKE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR LEG?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BOY AGAIN
S-SORRY
KEN-NII
clank
KEN-NII, THE OTHER DAY, YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING AS AN APOLOGY FOR SEEING
Y-YEAH
EVEN THOUGH I CAN THROW FASTER PITCHES THAN WATARU,
A BOY...?
EVEN THOUGH I WORK HARDER THAN WATARU
EVEN THOUGH WATARU'S WISH TO BE A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER OR TO GO TO KOUSHIEN CAN COME TRUE,
I CAN'T JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL!
I WANNA BE A BOY, SO MAKE ME A BOY!
EH,
WHAT?

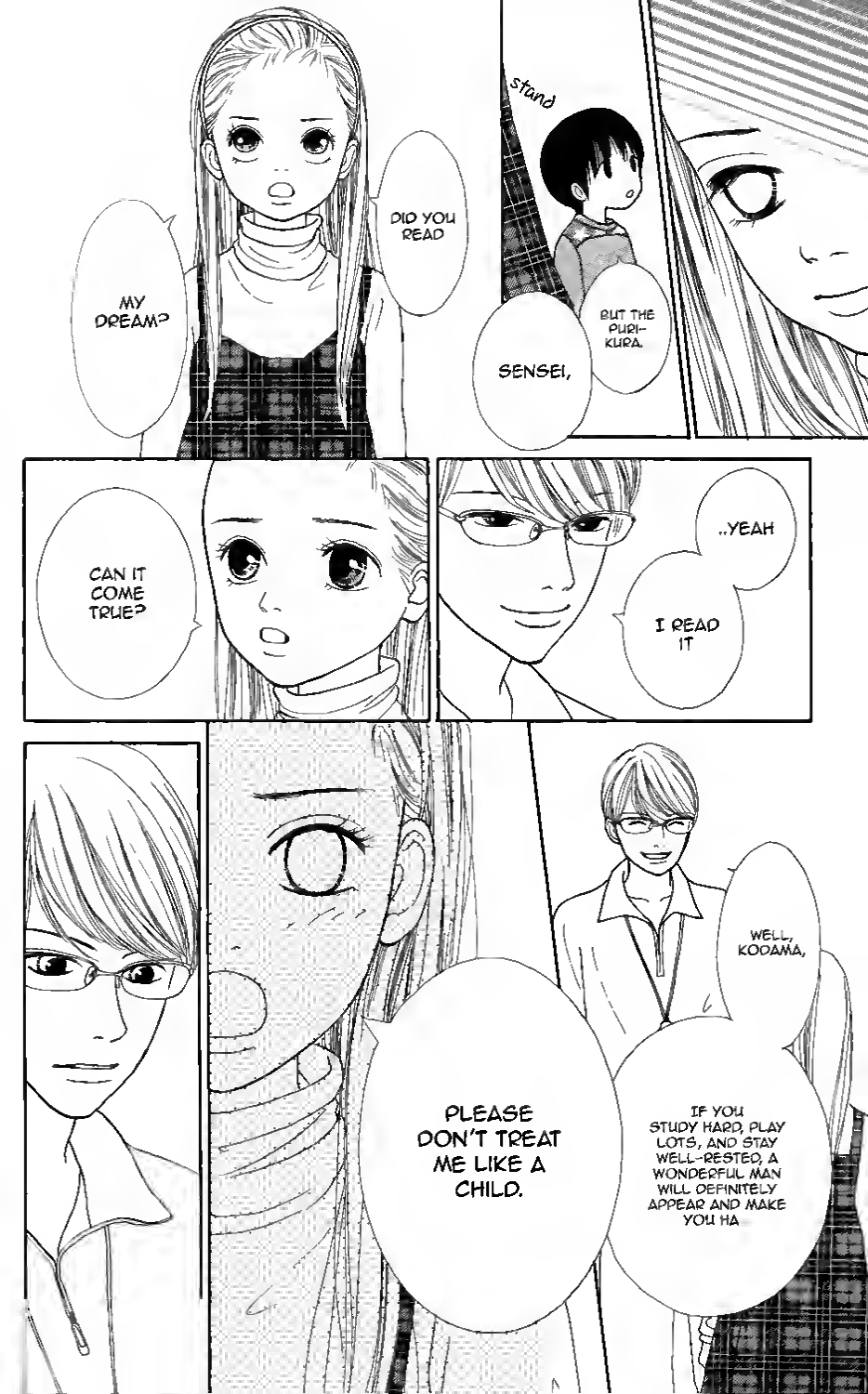
BUT EVEN WITHOUT PLAYING PRO BASEBALL,
I CAN CONTINUE PLAYING BASEBALL FOREVER.
IT'S
MY DREAM
AT A HUGE STADIUM,
IN THE MIDDLE OF TONS OF SPECTA-TORS,
I WANNA STRIKE OUT TONS OF STRONG BATTERS.
I WANNA JOIN THE MAJOR LEAGUES.
BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL, I HAVE TO GIVE UP ON GOING TO KOUSHIEN AND BEING A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER.

IT'S NOT FAIR!
Heh...
IT'S NOT FAIR...
I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND
YOUR FEELINGS

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE TO GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS.
BUT...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...
KEN-NII YOU LIAR!
I'M SORRY
YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING!
I'M SORRY
Waaah

pii
pii
tmp
tmp
A ADULT.
Ouch
BECAUSE I HAVE CRAMPS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU WATCHING ME?
DID YOU SPRAIN IT?
dangle
YEAH.
dangle
YOU TWO ARE SO LUCKY JUST WATCHING.
PEEK
HEY, WATCH ME PROPERLY FROM INSIDE THE GYM!
ZOOM
HEY, IKEGUCHI, GO DO THE VAULTING BOXES PROPERLY!

come to think of it
AH!
!!?
SENSEI, ARE YOU GOING TO BE IKEGUCHI-SAN'S FATHER?
EH?!
EH
HA HA HA
DON'T SAY SUCH STRANGE THINGS, NAKATANI
!!!
BUT YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH IKEGUCHI-SAN'S MOTHER, RIGHT?


stand
SENSEI,
BUT THE PURI-KURA.
DID YOU READ
MY DREAM?
..YEAH
I READ IT
CAN IT COME TRUE?
WELL, KODAMA,
IF YOU STUDY HARD, PLAY LOTS, AND STAY WELL-RESTED, A WONDERFUL MAN WILL DEFINITELY APPEAR AND MAKE YOU HA
PLEASE DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD.

I'LL BE AN ADULT SOMEDAY.
DO YOU KNOW?
BOTH OF YOU HAVE THE SAME AGE DIFFERENCE AS YOU AND I DO.
SO I'LL FACE YOU PROPERLY, PERSON TO PERSON!
I LIKE
YOU, SENSEI.

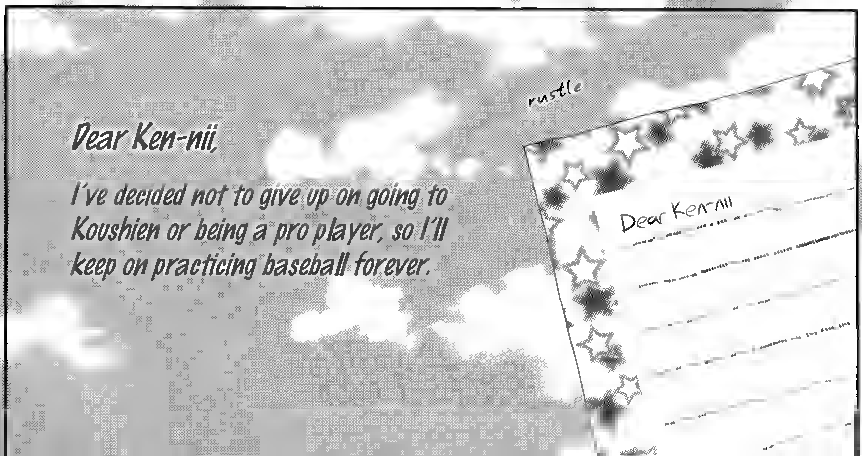
KODAMA
MY PARENTS OFTEN SAY THAT
WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN, THEY DIDN'T HAVE CELL PHONES NOR DIGITAL CAMERAS
AND THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT SOCIETY WOULD CHANGE SO MUCH IN JUST A FEW DECADES
THERE'S A FUTURE WE CAN'T IMAGINE AS ADULTS.
THAT'S WHY I THINK THERE AREN'T ANY DREAMS THAT CAN'T COME TRUE.

There's a future we can't imagine as adults.
There aren't any dreams that can't come true.
I SEE
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BECOME A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER EVEN THOUGH I'M A GIRL
UNLESS WE GIVE UP, THEY'LL DEFINITELY COME TRUE SOMEDAY
NO DREAMS THAT CAN'T COME TRUE..?
THAT'S RIGHT
DREAMS END WHEN WE THROW AWAY HOPE

Wow! She's cute!
KEN!
A VISITOR!
...AH?

THEN,
I HAVE TO PRACTICE LOTS SO I CAN BE GOOD IF THAT HAPPENS SOMEDAY!
Ah!
GLINT
BUT FOR NOW,
I have to steal the ace position from him!
Wh-what?!

IT'S FROM HARUKA
To Ken-nii
She's cute!
WHAT? A FIRST-YEAR?
NO, STUPID
ANOTHER NEW GIRL-FRIEND?
HELLO
HELLO
UM, HERE.


Dear Ken-nii,
I've decided not to give up on going to Koushien or being a pro player, so I'll keep on practicing baseball forever.
rustle
Dear Ken-nii

So please try your hardest, too.
Haruka
So...
Someone told me that if we don't throw away our hope, dreams won't end.
That's why I'm going to keep trying my best.
I think I want to try to go to Koushien, like you.
You're what I want to be.
KIDS ARE AMAZING.
EVEN THOUGH SHE CRIED SO MUCH
rustle

WAKAKUSA DAIICHI
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
See you!
KEN-NII!
WELCOME BACK
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR WATARU, HE'S STILL PLAYING

THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER
IF YOU TRY HARD AND FIGHT FOR IT ENOUGH, YOU CAN BE ONE
I CAME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING GOOD AS A THANK YOU GIFT
WELL, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE A GIRL, YOU CAN BE A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER.
I FOUND IT OUT TODAY, I DIDN'T KNOW EITHER.

RE ALLY?
YEAH.

DO YOUR BEST, HARUKA.
REALLY?!

YEAH!

HEY, YOUR LEG'S HURT, RIGHT?
I'LL CARRY YOU HOME
IT'S GOOD, HUH
RUB
RUB
YEAH!
I'M SORRY YOU GOT HURT.
..OKAY.
I SCOLDED HIM A LOT,
SO FORGIVE WATARU FOR ME.
PED

AND UP.
lift
THANK YOU, KEN-NII!
GOOD SMELL
IT'S A SWEET,
KEN-NII, YOU SMELL KINDA GOOD.
REALLY? MAYBE IT'S MY HAIR CREAM
FLOAT
fwoosh

ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
I...
I'M GETTING OFF!
EH?
I'LL WALK HOME MYSELF!
WHOA, HEY!
HARUKA? WHAT'S WRONG?

The start
of first love.

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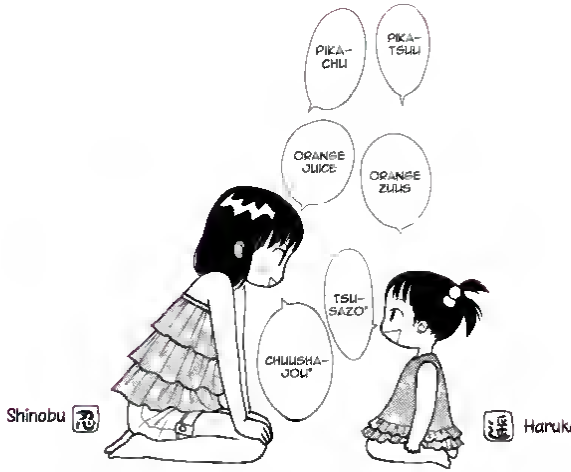

The Nakatani sisters. Studying proper Japanese.

Note: Chuushoujou is parking lot and Tsuusozo is the mispronunciation of "parking lot"

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